

Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

WILL MARRY LATER ON STAMP OF DISAPPROVAL CAMPAIGN CASE IS UP

Members of Charleston High Is Placed On High School First Prosecution Under School Faculty Cre- Dances at Cham- New State Law Begins ate Sensation.

BOTH WELL KNOWN. DISCUSSED BY BOARD. INFORMATION FILED.

Charleston, Ill., Dec. 24.—The marriage of Prof. H. S. Toms and Miss Libel Corbett, popular members of the Charleston high school faculty, which was thwarted Friday night, will take place at the close of the normal year.

The call in which the principals are involved contains dramatic elements. There is a story of unrequited love, a wealthy suitor and parents insisting upon daughter entering into a marriage that is disastrous to her. The mother has created a furor in school circles.

Prof. Toms, 22 years old, worked his way through the University of Michigan and has equipped himself under outward circumstances for his life's work. All that can be said against him is that he has only his salary to offer a bride.

Miss Corbett, a beautiful young woman, belongs to a prominent Minnesota family. When she came here to teach last fall, she left a suitor, who had made little progress in the direction of winning her attractions. This man, A. R. Pittkin, son of wealthy Minnesota family, had the advantage of having Miss Corbett's relatives on his side, and he had been aided by them in every possible manner, but without avail.

Another member of the high school faculty, Miss Nelson, seeing how matters stood between Miss Corbett and Mr. Toms, wrote Mr. Pitkin in Minnesota, apprising him of the fact that he was about to lose the prize he had sought, and advised him to come to Charleston to marry. He responded to this with the help of Miss Corbett.

Pitkin arrived Thursday night and Miss Corbett informed him he had no claim on her and she intended to wed Prof. Toms. There was a scene, but she was obtuse to his entreaties.

Fearing Pitkin would tell her parents, Miss Corbett consented to close to Toledo, with Prof. Toms Friday night and be married. Miss Franklin, Glassco and Hugo Reed were to witness with them as witnesses. Miss Corbett and the Miss Ruth Hostetter took her share.

Miss Elvina heard of the plan and protested so strongly that the plan was abandoned and the whole occurrence reported to the board of education. Pitkin held a last interview Friday afternoon with Miss Corbett and agreed to withdraw from the field if she would return home with him. She refused, fearing her family would still try to encourage Pitkin's suit. She is nearly prostrated over the developments, but insists that now more than ever, she will marry the man of her heart.

Engineer Held For Safety.
Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 24.—J. J. Gately, a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy engineer, was held in the Fulton county grand jury, charged with having caused the death of G. E. Lincoln, a brakeman. While Lincoln was riding on the rear of Gately's engine at Norris the locomotive backed into a string of freight cars and Lincoln was crushed to death.

WED AFTER MANY YEARS.
Climax of Another Romance Is Reached When Couple Wed in Pontiac.

Pontiac, Ill., Dec. 24.—Another romance of long standing culminated when the marriage of Hattie E. Shepard to O. M. Watrous was performed by Rev. H. Ryan at his home on East Washington street.

In their childhood Hattie Shepard and Mr. Watrous knew each other and as they grew older their friendship ripened into full and complete love. In time they became engaged and as time progressed set the time of their marriage. On account of some unavoidable circumstances, Mr. Watrous at the year advanced drifted away from his home place and Hattie Shepard was married to another. Mr. Watrous became connected with a manufacturing concern whose headquarters are in Connecticut as a traveling representative and in the performance of his duties traveled over considerable of the United States. All this time he had not forgotten his first love.

Death laid its hand on the husband of Mrs. Shepard and she was left alone and had her own living to make. Unknown to either she became connected with the same manufacturing concern when Mr. Watrous was away, acting for him in the absence of time, assisting each other. The fire of the old love was kindled and soon burned as brightly and cheerfully as ever.

About a week ago Mr. Watrous arrived in this city for the purpose of calling on business men who carried his line of goods. He liked the town and while here applied at the office of the county clerk for a marriage license and stated that he would return to this city before Christmas and would marry the woman of his first love. Thursday he arrived in this city with Mrs. Shepard and together they went to the home of Rev. H. Ryan and were married, leaving on the evening train over the Alton for the southern part of the state to take up their work again.

LICENSE IS REFUSED.
One Couple Has Trouble in Getting Married.

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Pioneer Resident of Pekin Who Was Nearing Ninety Year.

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ILLITERACY OF THE NATION.
Cleveland Leader: Following the recent bulletin of the census bureau on the extent of illiteracy in the United States, the movement for federal aid for education. The census bulletin shatters any notion which may have existed that the Americans are the best educated nation. Inability to read and write the people of this country are still far behind those of Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland. There is no cause for discouragement as the percentage of illiteracy has been steadily lessening. Comparison with the census of 1890 also shows the interesting fact that in ability to read and write the women are overtaking the men. Illiteracy is found to be greater in the country districts than in the cities.

Those Promising Tradesmen.
Cleveland Leader: "Ah, my beloved," he cried fervently, "I am not rich in this world's goods, nor am I clever as some men are. But if a tender and everlasting love goes for anything—'he goes with me all right,' she interrupted. "But John, I'm afraid it won't go with the butcher."

New Yorker: "Do you think blondes have more admirers than brunettes?"

She: "I don't know. You might ask Miss Turner. She has had experience in both capacities."

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Charles F. Gossler, Emery 31
Margaret Lienhart, Emery 32

Pekin Points.
Pekin, Ill., Dec. 24.—County Clerk Bergersen has received notice from the state board of equalization that a reduction of 5 per cent has been made on Tazewell county lands.

Frank R. Nance and Miss Anna Sapp of the city, were married last evening.

A meeting of officials of the Chicago & Alton and Rock Island railroads will be held in Pekin next Tuesday. The rumor is that an arrangement is being discussed relative to all the railroads entering Pekin using the Terminal railway station for a union station. Another rumor is to the effect that the P. & P. U. has practically closed a deal for the control of the Terminal rail-

road.

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NEARBY TOWNS

BURIAL OF DR. JOHN WARNER

Services Held at Home in Clinton on Sunday, Dec. 25.—The funeral of Dr. John Warner was held at his late residence Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The funeral service in charge of the Rev. C. C. Clegg of the Universalist church were 12 pallbearers, six active & honorary members.

Warner was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Col. John Warner of Washington and George Mace of New York city were at the home of Dr. M. L. Wilson of Lincoln spent Saturday.

Mrs. F. Owen of De Soto, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Porter of West Main street, and other relatives in Clinton.

Royce and family and A. D. Thorp in Decatur, are spending the holiday week with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. S. A. Carter was taken seriously ill at the home of her son, Wilbur Carter in Bloomington, where she is now visiting for a few days.

Mr. Wilson of Lincoln spent Saturday at the home of Dr. M. L. Wilson of Clinton.

Miss Sylvia Sparks of Mountain Park, Okla., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Virgil Hancock.

James Veach of Normal is the guest of Miss Pay Hall.

Mr. Sherrill went to Beardstown to spend Monday with friends.

Olive Bryant of Decatur, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. James Drury and son of Peoria, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Koontz.

Mrs. L. N. Brown and family have gone to Lincoln to visit with relatives over Monday.

Miss Mabel Moore of the University of Illinois at Champaign, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cackley.

A. Lawson of Clinton and Miss

Warren and family spent Christmas in Decatur.

Miss Carrie Brant went to Peoria to spend the holidays with friends.

Mr. Cranner and family of North Union street spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. McPherson in Marion.

Miss Anna McPherson of Maywood had home Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bily of Mt. Zion, spending a few days with their son, Billy and wife, at their home at Webster street.

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SERMON BY
FATHER MURPHY

Strong Doctrinal Presentation at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

SERVICES ON MONDAY.

Attended By Large Numbers
of the Faithful.

St. Patrick's Catholic church was crowded yesterday morning at the 5 o'clock mass. The music was beautiful and the church elegantly decorated. The second mass was at 8 o'clock and third mass at 10 o'clock but the principal service was at 5 o'clock.

Father Murphy preached a splendid Christmas sermon. His text was John 1:14.

"The word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." He said:

"The pleasure seeker makes experimental proof of the worthlessness of his ends, and unless hopelessly sunk in the slough of carnality, he turns from the life of the senses to the life of the spirit. The hour comes when the thought of the finitude of all earthly aims, creeps over his soul, and emerging from bondage of worldliness he renounces the trite verdict on all that leads not to God. 'Vanity of vanities' this, the true appreciation of the soul innately dissatisfied with everything less than the creator, vainly seeking him in every direction where he is not to be found.

"Although fallen from the spiritual liberty of sonship, and enveloped in darkness, we find the children of Adam in all the wanderings of their checkered history ever seeking to establish relation with the Almighty. The idea of a heavenly origin never died out in any corner of the world; man ever wished to know what God does to him and with him. He carefully scrutinizes the records of the race and looks into his own heart to see what marks of divine interference he can read there.

A God who would launch his creatures into existence and then forget them is not a God for the heart of man, God sitting apart, unconcerned with human life, while the world rolls on is what man never pictured, except when corrupt Paganism in all its varieties, owes its existence to the impious need of the human heart for the presence of God in the world. To the beaten earth and sky, wood and stream were not merely symbols of the divine presence, but divinized themselves. Ever since the darkness, caused by sin had fallen on the world, man desired to see God with his eyes. He made images of him, or rather put God in him, manwise, with human weaknesses, and God fell out before these foolish imaginations to perish.

He looked everywhere to catch some glimpse of his father, at first

spirit of his path, and humanity represented by its best and noblest, had sighed like the spouse for the supreme kiss of love, when heaven and earth should come together, and frail flesh be taken up by God the creator; and the answer to this cry of humanity is the mystery of the incarnation which we thank God for this Christmas morning. This is the mystery which was hidden from all eternity in God, which the Apostles learned from their master and then taught to the world. It rests upon testimony which is unshaken, on the witness of the Christian world, which is the maximum of evidence in history. The light of the world needs no further evidence than its own splendor, we ask not for opera under the rays of the midday sun. It is self evident, because it is luminous. Light is its own witness and if we reject Christian evidence to the fact of God becoming man, we must consider all history of less worth than a old almanac.

"At present time men are engaged in robbing their brothers of divine knowledge, in making God more and more remote, in thickening the veil that hides the effulgence of his throne, in increasing the darkness, which must ever hang over the guilt separating the creator from his creatures; they busy themselves in persuading men whom God made, that they cannot know him. Around the church are voices of blasphemy, lawless doubtfulness, impudent unholiness, the spirit of anti Christ is at work dissolving Jesus. But within the church there is peace and joy and truth, heartfelt adoration and practical loyalty to the everlasting Son, who was born for us a Saviour.

"That the second person of the Trinity was born of the Virgin Mary is the glorious, unsearchable, incomprehensible truth brought home to us by the feast of this morning. It is the wonderful economy of redemption by which the highest, became the lowest, power became weakness, and wisdom looked to men like folly. God alone, who wrought it, can make the heart of man accept it. Therefore in St. Augustine's words, 'Let the mind be purified by faith, by abstention from sin, by doing good, that by God's grace we may be advanced to intelligence and love. Belie in the God head of Christ, while remaining a profound mystery. It is within the apprehension of the simplest of us who first accepted it. It meant for them Christ, a person, who professed distinctly all the attributes of divinity and humanity; that the life and death of Christ are not the life and death of the divinity of men, or of the greatest of prophets, but of God.

"What saint or prophet could dare

say, 'I and the father are one.' I am Alpha and Omega.' I am who I am.' Philip be that seeth me, seeth the father also.' Catholic faith rejects all

variations of heretical curiosity, be it Arrian, Nestorian, Socinian or Unitarian. No incarnate Aeon, no created wisdom or Logos can bridge the gulf between the Creator Infinite and the finite creature. No alliance with a servant could win for us adoption of sons. The chief of his angels are but ministering spirits and those nearest to his throne are not measured by infinity, appreciable nearer than we, it is himself we want to see and handle, and no angel from before his face.

"Away with all false christologies. Jesus of Bethlehem is very God and very man. Were He saint of saints, the prince of prophets and martyrs, first born of every creature, even then He were but God's shadow, not the express image of His substance and very self.

"The Catholic spirit is hostile to every sort of Docetism that would rob Christ of any attribute of the divine and human natures. The true teaching on his vital subject is given with reverent brevity in the opening chapter of St. John's gospel. Before time was, in the unbeginning life, beyond the sun and the moon and the stars and the blessing of Christ influences are not; but chiliasm and barrenness and perpetual desolation.

"That child who was born at Bethlehem, the youth who wrought at Nazareth, that preacher who fired up all Judea and Galilee, that master who called men after him and made them love him more than wife or mother, that martyr who died in the eclipse of Calvary, and rose before the Easter dawn, He is the word made flesh. 'The mighty God, our great God and Saviour,' our only sovereign, God and Lord! This the great mystery, dark and deep, but not all dark.

"We must not forget that he is man; his humanity is no fiction, his body is a true body, born of the Virgin Mary like to our bodies in all things except sin, touched with a feeling for our infirmities. It is the faith that God not only knows this sad life of ours but he has actually lived it and consecrated it, which has transformed the bitter water of our affliction into the wine of joy and gladness. He came into the world to sanctify its hard conditions. He did not blaze from the heaven at noonday and dash the knowledge of himself over all the earth, his coming was among the poorest and least. Simple shepherds only heard the angels sing his praises and tell of his birth. He looked to them, no more than a little child of Adam's race and Israel's stock; they saw him by

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"Rather let us at the bidding God's church which brings to us the knowledge and mission of Christ thank our father for sending his son, and say with accents of heartfelt love, 'O Jesus, thou canst not change, and while I adore thy mystery I believe in thy love. I cannot comprehend thee, but I have proof enough that in spite of the clouds and darkness that surround thee thou canst love me with a personal affection. Thou wast born that I may live, I can love thee now from first to last, though I cannot understand thee. And us I adore these, O lover of souls, in thy humiliation, so I hope to love thee in thy everlasting power and glory.'

Stricken With Paralysis.

Atlanta, Ill., Dec. 25.—Jefferson Houser, a pioneer resident of Logan county, is suffering from an attack of paralysis. On account of his advanced age, his recovery will probably be slow.

The children's friend—
Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge

Drives out blood impurities. Makes strong nerves and muscles.

Gives tone, vitality and snap.

Get it from your druggist.

WALKER.

Walker, Ill., Dec. 25.—The Christmas entertainment given at the Walker school Friday night was quite a success. The school room was packed to the doors and everyone seemed to enjoy the interesting program which was given.

Miss J. E. Jacobs and daughter Leila and Rosalie, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fieker left Saturday for Cape Girardeau, Mo., where they will spend the holidays with their son.

Mrs. George Culbertson was in Decatur Friday.

Miss Vermillion who teaches the Willow Branch school east of town, is in Decatur spending the holidays with her parents.

Ed Hill is in Decatur spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill, 647 W. William street.

Stephen Cowger and Roy Shaw of Marion and Misses Effie Marly and Hattie Highly and Messrs. Clesson Collett and Emery Marshall of Mowenqua attended the Christmas entertainment given at the Walker school Friday night.

George W. Robertson left Friday for his home at Stewartson, Ill., where he will spend the holidays.

ELWIN.

Elwin, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kater were very pleasantly surprised at their new home, one and one-half miles west of Elwin, Wednesday, Dec. 20. Their relatives and friends gathered with well filled baskets and at 12 o'clock a splendid dinner was spread and all had a splendid time. Those present were Fred Kater and wife, Mrs. John Stauffer and daughter of Decatur, Mr. Peterson and wife, Gus Vance and wife, Frank Darden and wife, Clarence Hill and wife, E. Kater and wife, Mr. Littler and wife, Henry Kater and wife, William Austin and wife, of Hartstown, Leonard Kraft and wife, Frank Austin and wife, Mrs. Mier, Mrs. J. E. Burge, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Mrs. Piper, Mary Munie and Ruth Piper, Vick Peterson and Joan Kraft.

SALOON IS LOOTED.

Patrick Marron Reports the Robbery of His Place to Police.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—The saloon conducted by Patrick Marron, Third and Carpenter streets, was entered by burglars yesterday morning and large numbers of cigars were taken. The case was reported to the police but no arrests have been made as yet.

Marron closed his saloon at midnight Saturday and the loss was discovered at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. An investigation revealed the fact that an entrance had been gained by means of a rear window. Several boxes of cigars on the bar were taken together with several bottles of liquor.

CHRISTMAS CANDY IS FATAL.

Three-Year-Old Child of Pana, Ill., Parents Killed by Confection.

Pana, Ill., Dec. 25.—Christmas candy brought death to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman in Pana to day in the form of mixed candy, as a result of eating which the 3-year-old daughter is a corpse. It is believed the candy contained arsenic. The child died in convulsions.

The coroner will hold an inquest.

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of this most nutritious of all foods
have already been consumed but

CHEER UP!



Good wheat is plentiful. Flour mills

are grinding steadily. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY bakeries, the cleanest, largest, most modern in the world, are working day in and day out to supply you with your favorite soda cracker. So Uneeda Biscuit are still in abundance—the price is the same—

Don't forget
Graham Crackers
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YULETIDE FASHIONS FOR THE JUVENILES

THE fashions for the small folks are commendably simple; but this need not be taken to mean that they are lacking either in modishness or in individuality.

The child is one of the great studies of the day, and her clothes make not the least interesting item in the general scheme of such investigation. In Paris the people who design and make clothes for the denizens of the nursery are a class of specialists quite by themselves; and some of them even go so far as to decline to make for the girl whose summa number more than a dozen. Then, they claim, that she has entered the young ladies' class, that she is no longer a child and that childhood modes and fashions are no longer suitable for her.

However, on this side of the water we reverse all that, and the juvenile special fashions here design modes for all of the younger generation, from the christening robe right on up to the gown that shall close her social debut.

Following the fashions of the older nation of European sojourn, the juveniles of our American families are permitted quite a gaudy display at social life long ere the time for their formal launching comes around.

One of the latest fads is for mothers of small girls to have them appear in the visitors on a fine afternoon for a drive, and to make informal calls. An after-dinner adopted from European society allows the small folks in the drawing room just before dinner is announced, when they are introduced to the guests; and in this way they speedily acquire that calm grace and self-possession which is so desirable an adjunct to social success. So far from punishing the small girl and her brother to the detriment of the nursery and school room, they are now permitted to feel that they are an integral part of the family; that their mother's friends are their friends, and that guests of their parents are just as much their guests as well. In this way the small folks acquire ease and grace of manner and a social aplomb that will stand them in good stead when the time for their formal entrance into society comes around.

The duds are altogether gone—except, perhaps, in the imagination of the novelist—when the daughters of the house are garled in brown velvet and kept in rigid seclusion until the time for the debut arrives. The little girl of today begins training for her social career a month as soon as she can speak. She is clad in garments that are distinctly fashionable, and yet just as distinctly becoming and appropriate to her age. She is taught how to handle and twist and bent into shapes that can not fail to prove becoming to the charming little face beneath.

While these fashions are all of them distinctly designed for the little folks, they are not at all above borrowing right and left from the most inspired items of the mode for their elders. The bandole is quite an important item in the small girls' millinery effects, and while it does not seem to quite the heights that it does in the grown-up girls' chapeau, it is well trimmed and in evidence.

The Empire style, with their emphatically shortwaisted body part and full skirts are especially appropriate for the small folks, and there are both gowns and wraps planned on these simple and becoming lines. It must be confessed, however, that except for girls' wear the empire gown seems a trifle out of place in the nursery; but the empire coat has been basted with joy for up the tails from three years intervals.

But the cognos of this shortwaisted style does not interfere in the slightest with the adherence to the Russian blue robe model that has prevailed for so long. There never has been a model

back again in favor. And so are the ribbon ruffles that were set in front of the bust, right next to the hair, and into the many folds and crevices of which the milliner still tucks those same little rosebuds and forget-me-nots and other tiny and old-fashioned flowers.

The ostrich plumes need to be considered too, group up for the little maid, but nowadays it is the shape of the hat that settles all that. The long and

that proved so universally becoming and suitable for all sorts and sizes of children as does this one. The broad pleats that occupy both back and front make for a broad-shouldered effect that is so modish just now; while the long lines of the model prove equally flattering to the child of robust figure, and the little one who is all too slenderly formed. The design gives both breadth and ele-

FASHION FADS AND FANCIES.

In silverware there is evident a return to plain and unrelieved surface with just a tiny banded or roccoco border, and the monograms for which are planned after the Old English or else the Gothic style of lettering. Script is no longer used, and the plain block or Roman letter, too, has fallen into disuse.

The basket as a decorative motif is becoming quite prominent. It is the Marie Antoinette shape that is used, that with a deep and narrow body, a pretty spreading hem, and a high, arched handle. Bridal mimosas at some of the recent fashionable weddings have carried those, gill and filled with flowers, and at a wedding breakfast a large one in the center of the table, and smaller ones at each corner, were a prominent part of the scheme of decoration.

In silver and in cut glass, too, this little basket is making itself very obvious; the silver being usually plated and a glass for the inside to be used should it be desired to pose fresh flowers in it. It is offered as an extra attachment.

Chiffon velvet is in high vogue for separate blouses, and the best of those follow the lines laid down for the lingerie article. There is usually a slight V decolletage, which is filled in with separate chemisette. Hand-made Irish crochet is highly favored in this connection, and nowadays it is quite the thang to have a little fancy bag or basket in the drawing room so that the crochet may be taken up and worked at in the intervals of conversation. Since the best of this work is fashioned in innumerable little detached motifs, each one of which is made separately and then taken into place upon a silk paper, and the connecting bridges—as the connecting stitches are called—only relied upon for its shape, one can see what perfectly ideal pickup work it makes.

There never was a woman yet who would not appreciate a set of dainty sachet for the bureau drawers or the linen closet. One girl who is clever with her needle after a fashion reminds her favorite shop goer without instruction. They are simply ideal for sachet purposes, and besides, one can purchase those odd lengths for a mere fraction of what they would command if cut from a piece.

Absorbent cotton proves the best padding for these, and she splits this into thin layers, applies each layer thickly with the powder—it never does to be chary of the powder—and then gives the several layers a few good strong tacking stitches, thus to hold the powder well as the padding in shape. Then the outer covering of ribbon is sewn on and the thing ready to be boxed and sent out.

Another girl who confesses to a love of perfume, but no time to spend in making all of those dainty sachet bags, just puts a goodly dash of her favorite perfume on ratten wool and ties it on in a handkerchief. This is simply laid in the bottom box, tucked into a pair of gloves, folded in among the silk stockings and anywhere that she may desire to find her favorite perfume. All of the old handkerchiefs of the family are saved for this use, and it certainly has the double merit of simplicity and expediency.

Still another woman buys the most porous number stone that she can find and this she sets to soak in perfume, dropping it in among her possessions as needed. She claims that this stone retains the scent for a much longer time than a cloth sachet, and a sachet holder for street use supplementing the need for increased warmth. Cashmere, handknit and nun's veil in white are fully washable when care is taken, and they are often used for house and school frocks for the little maid.

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County Clerk and Mrs. Mary Wheeler are quarantined at their home on Washington street. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were taken ill and were taken to the hospital, and the Burkes were taken ill and were taken to the hospital.

At the meeting of the Board of Education, the new school board, elected the following day, was Lucy Houghland, Vice-Chairman, secretary, and financial secretary, Mrs. Wheeler.

Kiss Luu Si, a graduate of the University of Colorado, attended the meeting.

Miss Louise Ash, a graduate of the University of Colorado, attended the meeting.

James Kelley, a graduate of the University of Morrison, was in the city.

The new school building, it is the kind of the kind in the city.

Eva, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schreiber, the father of the family, was born in the Franklin hospital this morning.

In the county court, Sheriff Brandt, against Wm. Dyke, 1000 st., charging him with whiskey to John

Austin, Dec. 21.—Several visitors attended B. F. Tamm, north of Marfa Thursday. Miss Bacie Parker spent the day in Marfa.

Austin was well represented last week.

Ed Craig and wife, Bert and Joshua Craig with M. E. Jump and wife.

S. R. Nowlin and wife.

Squire Mendenhall was in this vicinity Monday.

Charles Schulz and wife were in Decatur on business.

Ross Rau, Albert L. and wife, and George Emery were in town.

Orval and Elmer B. Thursday evening with their families.

Clarke Brelsford and wife from Missouri Saturday.

John Rogers John F. Wm. Rau and George W. Thursday evening at a family dinner of Christy Rau Sr., Wm. Thursday evening in honor of Nebraska.

David Shaw and family Saturday.

C. R. Bearden of Cope in this vicinity selling day.

L. E. Brelsford and wife were in Decatur Friday.

Harve Severs and wife with Evert Wright.

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Members of Sweeney

Heavy Damages

Spent to The Herald

Taylorville, Dec. 21.—Court seven members of the family, Frank Daniels and all of Para are suing for damages against the suits are to be rendered by the court in the abutting real estate by the

Anna Bouillon was sued from Ollie Bouillon on the child.

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DEWEY SENDS GREETING
Christmas Message Will
Reach Men and Officers
of Navy.

Loss Estimated at Quarter
of Million and No In-
surance.

TO STAND TOGETHER.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Admiral Dewey has prepared the following Christmas message to officers and men of the American navy throughout the world which it is expected will reach every American warship some time Christmas day:

"My Christmas greetings to officers and men of the navy. Let us have neither cliques nor grudges, but all stand together for the good of the country and the service."

"GEORGE DEWEY."

LDI ON AT BURLINGTON.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 24.—The "Old" was on fire in Burlington on Saturday. The town was dry for the first time in its history and not an intoxicated person was arrested.

The fire broke out in the weighing room of the shaft building. The Lanesville Fire department arrived at noon in a special train and worked on the burning shaft until nightfall, but to no avail. The shaft is 35 years old and had a capacity of a thousand tons a day. The five hundred miners who were given work by the Spring Valley coal company, one hundred miners were suffocated. The shaft was owned by the chas. J. Devlin estate.

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Be Employed In

Other Mines.

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FATALLY WOUNDED WHILE HUNTING

Frank Hilbers Accidentally Shot Himself in Head With Rifle.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—From a gunshot wound in the head accidentally suffered while rabbit hunting, Frank Hilbers, overseer on the country place of Dr. W. O. Bailey, two and a half miles from the city, hours after the accident, died at 10:30 Preston street road, died at 10:30 o'clock.

Hilbers was wounded while hunting in the physician's place with his brother, William Hilbers, and a brother-in-law. A rabbit Hilbers had sighted while rabbit hunting, hit the gun barrel in one hand, while with the other he threw the barrel aside. In doing so one of the rails struck the trigger of his rifle, which went off a few inches from his head. The discharge entered the brain. Not only did he show remarkable vitality in living nine days but was conscious at times and talked rationally.

Hilbers had been married but a year ago to Mrs. Anna Hilbers, gave birth to a child Friday, and, owing to her condition, the news of her husband's death has been kept from her.

Hilbers was 31 years of age and the son of William Hilbers, a farmer, also on the Preston street road. He has been a member of the 1,400 here for Dr. Bailey for the last five years. He was well known in the city and attended the church of the Rev. Peter Hart York at Jackson and St. Catherine streets.

He leaves two brothers, William and Benjamin, and four sisters, one of whom resides in the city.

DILATORY STORK
BRINGS TRIPLETS

Woman's Club Discusses Babylessness

Night Three Arrive.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—River Forest is no longer the babyless suburb and from an event it is hoped that things in the stork land will end a bunion that has tested over the suburb for a long time. Mrs. John Snyder of the north end of the village has presented her husband with three fine baby boys all at once, of weight aggregating that of a good-sized Christmas turkey.

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